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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 565  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Cookeville High School  
Cavalier Academic Team on a stellar 2002-2003  
season.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding and gifted students of our State who bring honor to Tennessee as members of high school academic teams and act as ambassadors for our State through successful academic competition; and

WHEREAS, the Varsity Cavalier Academic Bowl Team of Cookeville High School won First Place in the 2002-2003 Tennessee High School Academic Bowl Championship at Tennessee Technological University on March 28-29, 2003; team members, ably coached by Ms. Carolyn Hawkins, included Matt Lynn, Senior and Captain; Josh Bohannon, Senior and Captain; Tyler Pannell, Senior; Bobby Liu, Senior; Noel Barnard, Senior; Funmi Ojo, Junior; and Seth Magdalena, Junior; and

WHEREAS, the win marked the fourth State Academic Bowl Championship for the Cavalier Academic Team in the last seven years; the team persevered for its triumph despite

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rigorous competition from twelve other high school academic teams from East, Middle and West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Cavalier Academic Team won all matches in competition, amassing a total of 6,315 team points to become the only undefeated team in the Tennessee High School State Academic Bowl Championship Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Senior Captains Matt Lynn and Josh Bohannon lead the Cavaliers to victory while Senior Bobby Liu was the overall top individual scorer in the tournament; Seniors Josh Bohannon and Bobby Liu were named to the 2002-2003 Tennessee Academic Quiz Bowl All-Star Team by a vote of the Tennessee Academic Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, the Cavalier Academic Team also won the 2002-2003 Upper Cumberland Academic Bowl sponsored by the local PBS television station, WCTE-TV; the win was the Cavalier's 12th overall in the 17 years of the PBS tournament's existence, and the eighth year in a row that the Cavaliers have won the competition; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2003, the Cavalier Academic Team won the Tennessee State Regional PBS Academic Quiz Bowl Championship title in Knoxville, Tennessee, for the second year in a row; team members were Seniors Matt Lynn, Josh Bohannon, Tyler Pannell and Noel Barnard; Junior Funmi Ojo; and Sophomore Maggie Ragland; and

WHEREAS, five members of the Cavalier Academic team won the 2002-2003 Tennessee High School State Science Bowl Competition; team members were Bobby Liu, Senior and Captain; Tyler Pannell, Senior; Suman Natarajan, Senior; Evan Paul, Junior; and Eddie Liu, Freshman; and

WHEREAS, to date in the 2002-2003 academic year, the Cavalier Academic Team has won First Place honors in twelve Academic Quiz Bowl Competitions, amassing an overall record of 146 wins versus 8 losses; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2003, the Cavalier Academic Team competed in the 2003 Spring Knowledge Master Open (KMO) National Computer Academic Bowl sponsored by

Academic Hallmarks of Durango, Colorado; the team placed 20th in the nation against 865 other high school academic quiz bowl teams and first in Tennessee against 23 other schools by scoring a total of 1,656 points and answering 188 of 200 questions correctly; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding 2003 KMO State Championship Computer Quiz Bowl team was composed of Seniors Noel Barnard, Josh Bohannon, Monica Duling, Bobby Liu, Matt Lynn, Suman Natarajan, and Tyler Pannell; Juniors Ross Binkley, Seth Magdalena, Funmi Ojo, and Evan Paul; Sophomores Josh Blair, Jessica Greenway, Samantha McCrary, Jonathan McNabb, Lee Nutini, Maggie Ragland, and Bethany Wilson; and Freshmen Paige Bowman, Alice Doubet, Ward Jordan, Christine Li, Eddie Liu, Mo Ojo, Philip Redding, Ryan Shanahan and Jordan Wolfe; and

WHEREAS, the Cavalier Academic team currently holds a 5th Place national ranking from the 2001-2002 American Scholastic Competition Network Tournament of Champions in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the storied record of achievement of the members of the 2002-2003 Cavalier Academic team is truly impressive and is worthy of our recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the outstanding members of the 2002-2003 Cookeville High School Cavalier Academic team on their stellar competitive record, recognize their superlative academic ability, and express our appreciation for their hard work and that of their fine Coach, Ms. Carolyn Hawkins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish them every success and satisfaction in the future, including their upcoming participation in the 2003 NAQT National High School Academic Championship in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.